

REMARKS:

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

To expedite prosecution, the Applicant has canceled claim **25**. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of claim **25** in a later filed continuation application.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 USC 102

The Examiner has rejected claim **25** under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,881,787 to Davis et al. (hereinafter Davis). To expedite prosecution, the Applicants have canceled claim **25**. The rejection is therefore moot. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claim **25** in a later-filed continuation application.

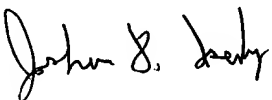
ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicants Appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims **1-24**.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicants submit that are allowable over the cited art and define an invention suitable for patent protection. The Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment reconsideration of the application and that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance in the next office action.

Respectfully submitted,



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